

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 18 had been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-5, 7-17 and 19 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1, 7 and 11 and 19 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Richards et al.* (US 7,207,054). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might applied to the claims as amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 7 and 19 would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the contents of Claims 7 and 19 have been incorporated within Claims 1 and 11, respectively, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5, 7-17 and 19 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe independent Claims 1 and 11 along with their respective dependent claims are distinguished over the cited references under § 102, and should be in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon, has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against Dillon & Yudell Deposit Account No. **50-3083**.

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